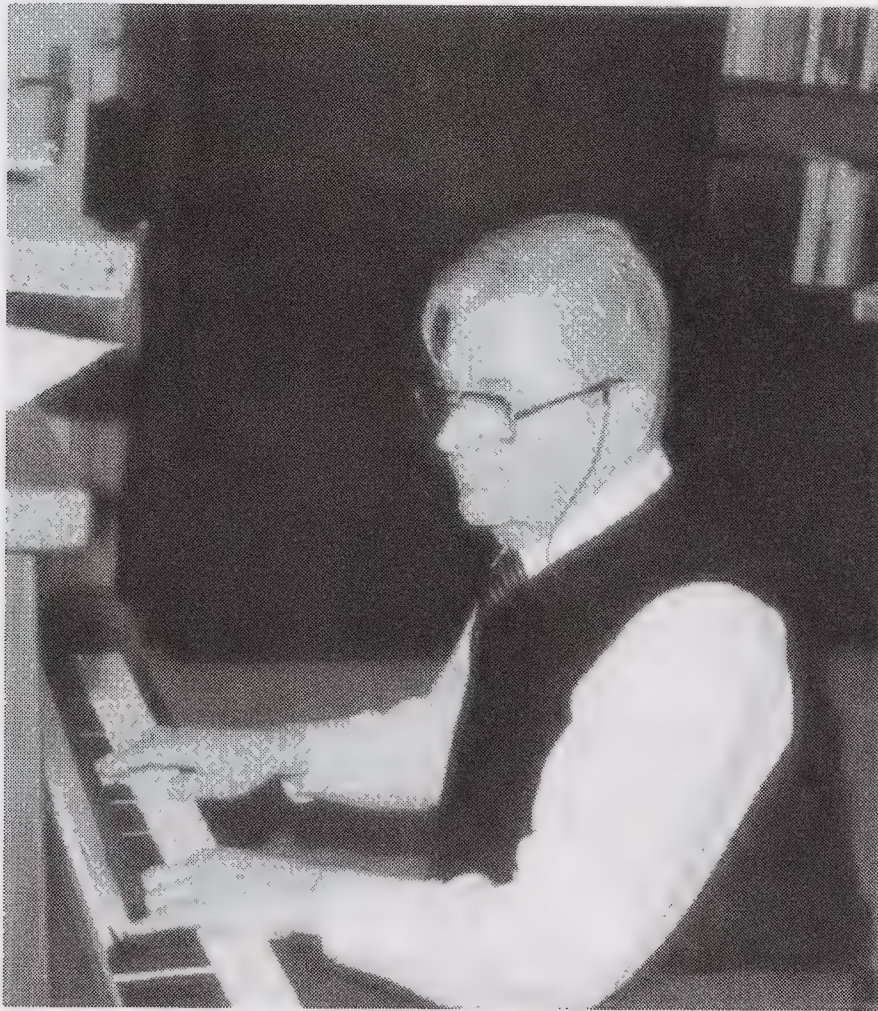


IN MEMORIAM:
ADOLF M. ZILCH, 1911–2006



Dr. Adolf M. Zilch (Foto: Dr. H. Schütt, 1979)

Malacologia honors the life of Dr. Adolf Michael Zilch, who passed away on 1 January 2006 at the age of 94. He was a giant in the field of malacology and a marvelous friend to those of us who knew him well. He served *Malacologia* since the inception of the journal.

Dr. Zilch was one of the most recognized malacologists worldwide. With his handbook on the "Euthyneura", which is a standard tool even today nearly 50 years after its publication, he gained high international reputation. His vast knowledge in the field of world-wide terrestrial malacology became famous. A. Zilch was one of the founders of the *Unitas Malacologica* and for many decades president of the German Malacological Society. At the research institute Senckenberg, Adolf Zilch held the position of the curator of the mollusc collection for more than 40 years. He was indeed the curator's curator. He served as vice-director of the institute and head of the department of zoology as well as editor of three scientific journals, among them the *Archiv für Molluskenkunde*. After retirement in 1976, A. Zilch still worked in the malacological section for another 20 years as honorary collaborator. Besides malacology, his interests focused on music and history, and he was a highly recognized specialist in the field of numismatics.

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